

# ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall

**Present:** - Cllrs David Barlow (Chair), David Thorley, Sarah Emery, Philip Blatchford and Philip Briscoe

**Also, in attendance** – Kate Egan (Clerk)

Items were taken out of order from the agenda

### **1 Welcome by the Chairman**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2 Apologies for absence**

No apologies were received

### **3 Absent**

Cllrs David Hine and Monica Mundy

### **4 Declarations of Interest and dispensations**

#### **(a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**

No declarations of interest were received from Councillors on items on the agenda

#### **(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**

No written requests were received for disclosable pecuniary interests

#### **(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

Cllr David Barlow requested dispensation in regard to the potential development at Chapelfield, this was granted for a period of four months and is valid until 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### **5 Public session**

There were two members of the public in attendance.

One was in attendance prior to hopefully being co-opted at the next Parish Council Meeting

The subject of the replacement for the Beacon Magazine was discussed and how costs have doubled over the past few years and donations have reduced. The format was talked about and what form it would take. A post will be uploaded to social media asking for suggestions.

### **11 To Be Resolved/Discussed**

#### **(c) Discussions on any updates regarding the replacement for the Beacon magazine**

A lengthy discussion was held on the publication of issues, whether it would be black and white or colour and whether it would be a community publication.

### **6 County and District Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Tony Robinson was in attendance and gave a verbal report covering subjects as the budget, Local Community Networks and bringing the Districts together to form the Unitary Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Cllr David Barlow requested whether he could look in Somerset County Council arranging a litter pick along the A367 past the school, pub and church.

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**7 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022, previously circulated**

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> January be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

**8 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**

There were no matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda.

**9 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**

(a) **2022/1972/FUL** Change of use of land from former quarry to residential and erection of single storey dwelling (part retrospective). Land at 361982 148851 Highcroft Lane, Gurney Slade. **Update** The Parish Council recommended the decision be left to the Planning Officer but with comments raising the issues of the parking

(b) **2023/0190/HSE** Creation of a 6m x 10.5 decking. Oakhill Lodge, Bath Road, Oakhill **Update** The Parish Council recommended the decision be left to the Planning Officer.

**10 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Mendip District Council and others.**

(a) **2022/2350/HSE** Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of utility room to ensuite bathroom. Laburnum, Zion Hill to Underhill, Ashwick. Mendip District Council granted approval.

(b) **2022/2408/FUL** Erection of 1no. detached dwelling with associated access and parking. 15 Sunnymead, Oakhill. **Update** The application has been withdrawn.

**11 To Be Resolved/Discussed**

(a) **Acceptance of the quote and to ratify the proposal agreed on 25<sup>th</sup> January for a highway access and sustainability report to be prepared and submitted to the Planning Inspector in regard to the appeal for the potential development at Chapelfield. The cost will be £3,000 + VAT.**

The Council **RESOLVED** to ratify the proposal agreed on 25<sup>th</sup> January for a Highways report in regard to the appeal for the potential development at Chapelfield at a cost of £3,000 + VAT.

(b) **Discussion and any possible proposals on how the Parish Council wish to proceed with the second stage of the Appeal Hearing. The initial date for the Public Inquiry has been set as Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

This was discussed and it was agreed in principle to appoint the Planning Consultant and Highways Consultant to attend the appeal hearing and represent the Parish Council. Cllr David Thorley will contact both and obtain further information as to costs, this will be brought back to the next meeting.

**12 Clerks Report.**

There were no updates from the Clerk.

**13 Village Hall Reports**

Refurbishments are still occurring with the roof being the next main project, other ideas are changes to the toilets, replacement boiler, installing a sheltered area for table and chairs outside the café and some outside storage. Grants are being applied for. The Community Café is proving popular especially on Saturday mornings and numbers are creeping up for the Warm Spaces on Wednesday mornings. A quote is nearly decided upon for the outside gym equipment, hopefully this will be ordered soon.

**14 Finance**

Bank Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Current account - £2141.98

Reserve account - £11,645.76

**Payments**

- (a) Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £43.75
- (b) Oakhill and Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00
- (c) Idverde – Grass Cutting - £206.38
- (d) Clerks Salary – January - £356.73
- (e) HMRC – January £14.20 – pd by DD 27.01.23
- (f) ICO – Annual Membership – pd by DD 20.02.23

**Transfers**

- (g) Transfer from the Reserve Account to the Current Account - £3,000

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments

**15 Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received

**16 Matters to report/items for next agenda**

There were no matters to report or items for the next agenda

**17 Date and time of next meeting:** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.23pm